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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

With regard to the above-identified application, an error in inventorship occurred in not naming Eric L. Brechner as a joint inventor with Dean A. Slawson and Tjeerd Hoek. This error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intent on the part of any of the inventors. Please amend the inventorship of this application as follows:

Delete "DEAN A. SLAWSON and TJEERD HOEK" and insert -DEAN A. SLAWSON, TJEERD HOEK and ERIC L. BRECHNER--.

REMARKS

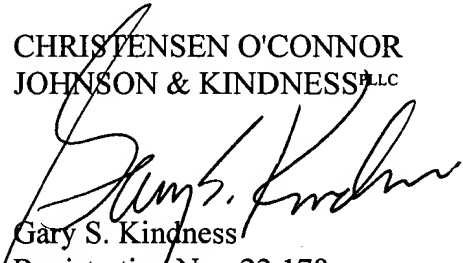
A Petition to Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a), a Consent of Assignee, and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by all of the inventors are being filed concurrently. A copy of an Assignment executed by Eric L. Brechner and forwarded to the U.S. Patent Office for recordation is enclosed.

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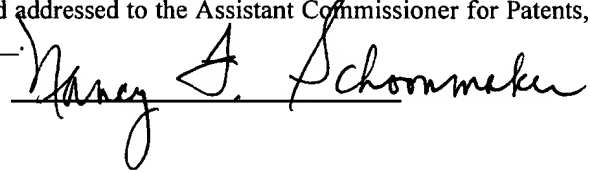

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